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Howard County Police Investigating Minor School Bus Collision Ten Children Taken to Hospitals as Precaution, No Evident Injuries

Howard County Police are investigating a minor school bus collision that sent 10 children to area hospitals today as a precautionary measure. According to emergency medical personnel on the scene, no one suffered evident injuries. The children were transported for medical observation.

The driver of the bus, which was taking students to Veterans Elementary School in Ellicott City, reported that the bus slid on ice in Patapsco State Park around 11 a.m. The bus struck the side of a small bridge.

Police and ambulances were called to the scene and 10 of the 23 children, ranging in age from 5 to 8, were taken to Howard County General and Northwest Hospitals. The other 13 children were taken to school by another bus.

Parents of the students were notified of the incident by the school system. No charges have been filed.

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